

## LOCAL MATTERS.

## BRIEF MENTION.

There will be a meeting of the McGowan Artillery at this place on next Saturday at 3 o'clock p. m. All the members are requested to attend.

We are requested to state that Rev. G. W. Gardner will preach in the Baptist Church at Belton on the fourth Sabbath in this month at 11 a. m., and also on the Saturday night preceding.

Mrs. James W. Poore, of Belton, has our thanks for a box of fine May cherries, of a large, juicy and delicious variety. They were the finest we have ever seen in May, and were indeed a treat.

Nominations of candidates in usual form, not to exceed one inch, five dollars. These charges are to be paid strictly in advance, and no exceptions whatever will be made to the rule.

We are requested to announce that the Little Girl's Mission Society of Anderson will have refreshments for sale in the Masonic Hall on next Friday evening. We bespeak for them a liberal patronage.

Col. Warren D. Wilkes has been appointed Notary Public for this County by Governor Hampton. This appointment will be a great convenience for persons living upon the Saluda side of our County.

The town authorities of Williamston, with due regard for the Mineral Spring, have erected near by in the grove a spacious open octagonal pavilion, which adds another pleasant feature to the enticing Park.

We wish it distinctly understood that we do not hold ourselves responsible for the views or expressions of correspondents.

The Hopewell Democratic Club will meet at Hamlin's School-house on the first Saturday in June next, at 2 o'clock p. m. A full attendance of the members is requested, as business of importance will be presented for the consideration of the meeting.

Governor Hampton has appointed Mr. J. W. Singleton, of Brushy Creek Township, a Trial Justice for this County, and Mr. James Seaborn a Trial Justice at Fair Play, in Oconee County. Both of these appointments are excellent ones, and will give efficient officers to the sections indicated.

Col. E. M. Rucker, of this place, has accepted an invitation to deliver the annual address before the literary societies of the Williamston Female College on the occasion of their commencement in June. Col. Rucker's known eloquence guarantees a vindication of the selection the young ladies have made.

Col. E. M. Rucker has been elected to deliver the address before the literary societies of Adger College at their commencement in June, and has accepted the invitation. Col. J. S. Othman has also accepted an invitation to deliver the College address on the same occasion. Both of these gentlemen are eloquent orators, and a treat awaits the students of Adger College and their friends.

All of the local insurance agents of the State who represent a company are invited to meet in Columbia on Tuesday, June the 11th, 1878, for the purpose of forming a permanent State association, for the mutual protection of companies, policy-holders and themselves. The various railroads to Columbia have consented to carry them at excursion rates, amounting for the round trip to a single fare.

Vick's Illustrated Monthly Magazine for May comes to us laden with useful information for the cultivator of flowers and beautifully illustrated. The correspondence of its subscribers, from all parts of the United States, giving valuable hints and experience in flower culture, is quite an interesting feature of this magazine, which, combined with many others, render it very attractive, and recommend it to everyone interested in floriculture.

The railroad meeting at Lowndesville on Wednesday, the 7th inst., which an account appears elsewhere, was well attended and passed off most harmoniously. The proceedings were marked throughout by a business-like and determined course, which augurs well for the prospect of the road. The citizens of Lowndesville entertained the meeting with the most lavish hospitality, and every one enjoyed the meeting, not only for the business prospect, but also on account of its pleasant social feature.

All communications for personal advantage will be charged for at the rate of ONE DOLLAR for every inch.

Hon. Charles Petty, Chairman of the committee appointed by the recent Sunday School Convention, publishes as the result of the conference of the committee that a State Sunday School Convention will be formed with representatives from each County equal to the representation of such County in the House and Senate of this State. The time and place of the meeting has not yet been decided upon. Rev. W. H. Strickland has been appointed chairman for this work in Anderson County.

Mr. John Rothwell, Secretary of the State Executive Committee of the Y. M. C. A. of South Carolina, spent last week in Anderson in attendance of the interests of the Association in this place. He held a number of devotional meetings, and visited the members of the Association individually. We trust that his visit was a successful one, and that he has done good in our midst by impressing his zeal on the workers in the Anderson organization. On Tuesday he left for Greenville, where he is now laboring.

Many friends of Mr. and Mrs. P. K. McCully sympathize with them in the loss of their bright and interesting little son, Freddie, who died of pneumonia on last Thursday afternoon, at the age of two and a half years. Two pure for earth, the little flower has been transplanted from the scenes of earth to bloom forever in the realm of heaven. The little spirit has passed from the pains and ills of this world to a state where it will know of naught but bliss; and though it causes sadness and sorrow to be parted from the loved child, it is a consolation to know that what is lost to the weeping relatives, is a glorious gain to the little sainted spirit.

It is not often that a live Enoch Arden is met with, but the Brushy Creek Township, in this County, is now discussing such an occurrence. A man left his wife in 1862 and went into the world and was not heard of afterwards. After the war was over for several years, his supposed widow married again, and has since been living with her second husband. Recently, after an absence of sixteen years, her first husband has returned to claim her, but we learn that she has very sensibly decided to remain with her second husband, as number one has been so long coming back that she is afraid to exchange a certainty for an uncertainty by giving up number two for number one.

Some music dealers North will say and put more on paper and send it all over the country than they dare tell you to your face. Do not be humbugged, but come to Mr. S. A. McSmith's music house, Greenville, S. C., and we will surprise you by our low prices for the very best Pianos and Organs.

## PUBLIC ORATION.

For several good and sufficient reasons, the address before the Democratic Club of Anderson was postponed from last Tuesday night to Friday (to-morrow) night, at 8 o'clock, at which time an address will be delivered by Maj. B. F. Whittier upon the political issues of the day. The ladies of Anderson are especially invited to be present on this occasion, and give us the approval of their smiles at the opening of the coming campaign. The public generally are also invited to be present. The Anderson Palmetto Band will furnish music for the evening.

## TEMPERANCE PICNIC.

The temperance picnic at Williamston on last Saturday was an exceedingly pleasant occasion, as all such gatherings in that village are noted for being. From one hundred and fifty to two hundred persons were present, and interesting temperance addresses were made by Dr. H. I. Spilng, Rev. S. Lander and E. B. Murray. The Williamston Division was presided over by Mr. Witherspoon, of the Temperance Standard. After the speaking an abundant and sumptuous basket dinner was partaken of, and the remainder of the day was spent in social conversation in the beautiful grove around the justly celebrated mineral spring.

## IMPORTANT RAILROAD CASES.

During the recent term of the Court of Common Pleas in Abbeville, the cases of Dr. E. M. Brown and wife and Claudius Brown vs. the Greenville & Columbia Railroad Company; William H. Redwood vs. the same, and William Cummings vs. the same, were the cases of greatest interest and magnitude. The counsel for the various Plaintiffs were Gen. S. McGowan, Capt. A. T. Broyles, Maj. John B. Moore, Col. J. C. C. Featherston and Mr. W. C. Benet. Gov. W. D. Simpson and Col. J. S. Othman represented the Railroad Company. The subject of the action was damages claimed by the Plaintiffs for injuries done them in the accident which occurred near Broyles' Crossing in this County, two or three years ago. The cases occupied two days of the Court, and resulted in favor of the Plaintiffs in each case, as follows: Dr. E. M. Brown and wife, \$8,000; W. H. Redwood, \$2,500; and Wm. Cummings, \$2,500. The Railroad Company have appealed from these verdicts, and the several cases will be reviewed by the Supreme Court.

## DEATH OF AGED CITIZENS.

Mr. David Geer, an aged and highly respected citizen of Anderson County, departed this life on last Monday afternoon at the residence of his son, Mr. Solomon Geer, after an illness of several months.

Mr. David Geer, the subject of this sketch, was the son of Mr. Solomon Geer, who was originally a citizen of North Carolina, but removed to this State about seventy-five years ago, and settled the plantation owned by Maj. J. N. Vandiver. He was the oldest son in a family of nine children, all of whom were raised to be useful and worthy citizens, and several of them are now living in this County. Mr. David Geer was married at the age of 18 years to Miss Nancy Taylor, and immediately located at the place where he resided ever afterwards until his last illness, during which he was removed to his son's, in order that he might receive the attention and care which his declining age required. Mr. Geer raised six sons and two daughters. He was a gentleman of fine memory and more than ordinary intelligence and influence over his neighborhood and acquaintances. History was his favorite reading, and his knowledge of it through all ages and countries was remarkably minute and accurate. Though an energetic and influential man, he was exceedingly modest and diffident, so that he never sought public position or notoriety which he could have acquired had he been ambitious of them. He always felt and manifested a most active interest in the public welfare, and in 1868, although feeble and quite an old man, served as president of Neal's Creek Democratic Club. He was constantly willing to work for the party whose principles he espoused, and no man was more sincerely gratified at the redemption of our State than he. He was a skillful and industrious farmer, and before the war broke out he had acquired a large property, a considerable portion of which, however, he lost by the result of the war. He was a kind, upright and conscientious man, who had the confidence and respect of his neighbors and acquaintances. During the latter part of last year, Mr. Geer was stricken with paralysis, from which he never recovered, and the angel of death came to him as an messenger of mercy, to release him from suffering. He had been a member of Broadway Division, Sons of Temperance, since its formation, and on last Tuesday afternoon his remains were deposited to rest in Neal's Creek Church cemetery, after a solemn discourse from Rev. W. H. King. A useful citizen has departed, and his aged widow, together with his children and friends, have the sympathy of the entire community in their loss.

We regret to announce the death of Mrs. Martha A. Webb, relict of the late Dr. Edmund Webb, of this place, which occurred at her residence on last Monday morning. Mrs. Webb was one of the oldest ladies in Anderson, having been born on the 25th of August, 1803. She was a meek and unobtrusive lady, of amiable temper, who spent her life in the performance of those duties which devolve upon a wife and mother, and in acts of human kindness and general benevolence. For some time past she has been quite feeble in health, and entirely deprived of sight, but she bore these afflictions with patience and humility, waiting for the summons which has at last called her from the sufferings of this world to her eternal reward. As her life had been quiet and serene, so her death was peaceful and calm. The remains of the deceased were placed to rest by the side of her husband in the Baptist Church yard on Wednesday morning, after impressive and appropriate funeral services, conducted by Rev. J. S. Murray. Her relatives have the sympathies of numerous friends and acquaintances in their bereavement.

Mrs. Sallie Kay, widow of the late Strother Kay, deceased, died at the residence of her son, Mr. Nimrod Kay, in this County, at two o'clock on Tuesday last, after a short illness. Mrs. Kay was an aged and respected lady, whose death is regretted by all who knew her. She was a pious and excellent woman, and in her death she has passed to reap the reward of a faithful life.

We regret to announce the death of Mr. Peter Rogers, which occurred at his residence in the Fork township of this County on last Monday, after an illness from rheumatism and other complicated diseases, for more than a year. Mr. Rogers was at the time of his death about sixty or sixty-five years of age. He had been an industrious, upright and honorable citizen, whose death will be regretted by all who knew him.

Do not be humbugged by Northern frauds. Save your money and get the best Pianos and Organs made from your own Southern music-house—Mrs. McSmith, Greenville, S. C.

## A COMPLIMENT TO ANDERSON.

The Greenville News, in speaking of the recent maroon of the Greenville Guards, says the following high compliment to Capt. Allen and his Company from Anderson:

"We are not disposed to yield entirely to our local editor, in describing the festivities of Tuesday. We must be permitted to say, that the ladies of Greenville, who rallied themselves, in the 'g. g. up,' and management of the splendid entertainment given to the guests of the occasion. We must also recognize the part, which the visiting companies are entitled to claim, in adding to the interest of the day. No finer or better drilled companies could have appeared on the ground. We would not make comparisons, or stir the slightest feeling of jealousy among rivals, but we feel it to be nothing more than duty and justice to all concerned, to say that the ladies of Greenville, who rallied themselves, in the 'g. g. up,' and management of the splendid entertainment given to the guests of the occasion. We must also recognize the part, which the visiting companies are entitled to claim, in adding to the interest of the day. 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